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DEATH OF SIR C. HALLÉ.
Sir C. Hallé, the distinguished pianist, died at Manchester on Friday. He was a native of Germany, and was born in 1819. He established himself at an early age in Paris, where he acquired a great reputation for his elegant and elevated method of interpreting the classical compositions of the best masters.

his brilliant career there; he came to England, and made his first appearance at a

centre of his activity was in Manchester where, in 1857, he instituted an annual series

interruptedly ever since, and his work in that city and in the Midlands in the advancement of music has been of incalculable value in recognition of his signal services as a teacher, performer, and conductor, he was knighted in 1888, in the July of which year he married the accomplished violinist, Madame Néruda. Sir Charles and Lady Hallé have only recently returned from a highly successful tour in S. America, where he was conductor and fine exponent of legitimate classical school pianoforte playing. By his death the musical profession and the public

"GENTLEMAN JOE" IN COURT.
At Marylebone, Mr. Arthur Roberts, the well-known comedian, of 30, Maida-vaie, was summoned before Mr. C. Bennett by the inland Revenue authorities for, on July 1st last, employing a male servant without having taken out a license. When called upon to plead, Mr. Roberts said it was true he employed a man as groom and to do other work on June 29 on a month's trial. After that the defendant went abroad, and really he quite forgot all about it. — Mr. Hawkins (for the inland Revenue authorities) said defendant

Mr. Bennett: I am in doubt as to the definition of the word "servant" in the Act of Parliament.

Mr. Bennett: Have you anything more to say?

Defendant: No.—Mr. Bennett: Then all I have to say is that as there is a previous conviction you are fined 43s.—Mr. Roberts gave a comical look and shrugged his shoulders.

Mr. Bennett: If you wish to appeal to the Court, I will allow you 10 minutes to consider it.

Somebody went home at that time, and I could not do so. Mr. Bennett: Thank you very much.—The line round on his head.

Conservative, and he was in his room in July of last year.—Mr. Bennett: Is that correct?—Mr. Roberts: Really, I am in doubt as to the definition of the word "servant" in the Act of Parliament.—Mr. Bennett: Have you anything more to say?—Defendant: No.—Mr. Bennett: Then all I have to say is that, as there is a previous conviction you are fined £5.—Mr. Roberts gave a comical look and shrugged his shoulders.—Mr. Bennett: If you wish to appeal to the Somerset House authorities ad misericordiam you do so.—Mr. Roberts: I am bound on my honour to defend myself.—Mr. Bennett: The defendant, apparently simulating bewilderment, exclaimed, "Which way do I go?" Then, amidst loud laughter, he blundered forward up the step leading to the dock. It was, however, promptly prevented from going further by the Chief Clerk, the Chief Prison Officer, who escorted him up the passage leading to the gaoler's room, where the fine was immediately paid.

to his room in July of last year.—Mr. Roberts: Really?—Mr. Bennett: Is that correct?—Mr. Roberts: Really?—Mr. Bennett: I am in doubt as to the definition of the word "servant" in the Act of Parliament. Mr. Bennett: Have you anything more to say?—Mr. Roberts: I have nothing more to say. I have already had to say that as there is a previous conviction you are fined 25s.—Mr. Roberts gave a comical look and shrugged his shoulders. Mr. Bennett: If you wish to appeal to the Somerset House authorities ad misericordiam, you are so.—Mr. Roberts: I have nothing more to say. Wheeling round on his heels, he defiantly, apparently simulating bewilderment, exclaimed, "Which way do I go?" Then, amidst loud laughter, he blundered forward up the step leading to the dock. I was, however, surprised to find that he was, in fact, wearing the arm band of a Sergeant. Carden, warlike officer, who escorted him up the passage leading to the gaoler's room, where the fine was immediately paid.

CHARGE AGAINST "THE COUNTESS"
At the Old Bailey on Thursday, the adjudication of Lisette Schweighofer, the German girl who, it is alleged, was lured to London by Count Leiningen-Westerburg, was heard before the Common Sergeant. The mother of the girl gave evidence to the effect that she had seen the entire portion of the day

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CHARGE AGAINST "THE COUNTESS OF OLD BAILEY" On Thursday, the adjudication of Lisette Schweighofer, the German girl who, it is alleged, was lured to London by Count Leiningen-Westernburg, was heard before the Common Serjeant. The mother of the girl gave evidence, and that of the girl occupied the greater portion of the day, the question of her sanity or necessity to be conveyed through Mr. Albert, the interpreter. Her story, however, remained unshaken in its main particulars, even when subjected to severe cross-examination. Incidentally it stated that the count had struck her more than one occasion, and that he deceived her with the assiduity required of her.—A jury was returned.

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convicted in July of last year.—Mr. Bennett: Is that correct?—Mr. Roberts: Really, sir, I am in doubt as to the definition of the word "servant" in the Act of Parliament.—Mr. Bennett: Have you anything more to say.—Defendant: No.—Mr. Roberts: Then all I have to say is that as there is no evidence to the contrary, I find the defendant guilty.—Mr. Roberts gave a comical look and shrugged his shoulders.—Mr. Bennett: If you wish to appeal to the Somerset House authorities ad misericordiam, I will do so.—Mr. Roberts: Thank you, then I'll do so.—Wheeling round on his heel, the defendant, apparently simulating bewilderment, exclaimed, "I do not do it!" and, with a burst of loud laughter, he blundered forward up the step leading to the dock. Evidently, however, promptly prevented from going further by the arm of Sergt. Carden, warren officer, who escorted him up the passage leading to the gaoler's room, where the fine was immediately paid.

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At Bow-street on Friday, before Mr. Lushington, Thomas Hollyman, alias Parker, alias Richards, alias Rankin, Henrietta Hollyman, his wife, and a girl known as Maggie Armstrong, were charged with keeping a disorderly house, known as the Bell Restaurant, 2, Southampton-street, Strand.—The Charing Cross Vigilance Association, who prosecute such representations, were also present. They also brought their charges against the trio to the instance of the overseers of St. Martin's-the-Fields, for keeping a similar establishment at 4 and 5, The Fascade, Charing Cross. Mr. Harry Wilson (Wilson and Wallis) appeared for the overseers.—Mr. Lushington said it was his duty to pass the heaviest

convicted of burglary in July of last year.—Mr. Bennett: Is that correct?—Mr. Roberts: Really, sir, I am in doubt as to the definition of the word "servant" in the Act of Parliament.—Mr. Bennett: Have you anything more to say?—Defendant: No.—Mr. Bennett: Then all I have to say is that as there is a previous conviction you are fined £5.—Mr. Roberts gave evidence, and the judge shrugged his shoulders.—Mr. Bennett: If you wish to appeal to the Somerset House authorities ad misericordiam, you can do so.—Mr. Roberts: Thank you, then I'll do so.—Wheeling round on his hind legs, the defendant, apparently simulating bewilderment, exclaimed, "Which way do I go?" Then, amidst much laughter, he blundered for a moment or two, and stepped leading to the dock. It was, however, promptly prevented from going further by the arm of Sergt. Carden, warlike officer, who escorted him up the passage leading to the gaoler's room, where the fine was immediately paid.

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VIOLENT LODGER.
At the Chancery Division on Wednesday, the

convicted of a crime in July of last year.—**Mr. Bennett:** Is that correct?—**Mr. Roberts:** Really, sir, I am in doubt as to the definition of the word "servant" in the Act of Parliament.—**Mr. Bennett:** Have you anything more to say?—**Defendant:** No.—**Mr. Bennett:** Then allow me to say that as there are previous convictions on the part of the defendant, Mr. Roberts, I will not recommend a long and shrunken his shoulders.—**Mr. Bennett:** If you wish to appeal to the Somerset House authorities ad misericordiam, you can do so.—**Mr. Roberts:** Thank you, then I'll do so.—"Wheeling round on his heel," the defendant, apparently simulating bewilderment, exclaimed, "which?"—**Mr. Bennett:** Then, sir, please laugh, or he blundered forward up the step leading to the dock.—**Mr. Bennett:** However, promptly prevented from going further by the arm of Sergt. Carden, warlike officer, who escorted him up the passage leading to the gaoler's room, where the fencer was immediately paid.

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VIOLENT LODGER.
At the Central Criminal Court, Catherine Hicks, 27, Ironer, was indicted for malicious wounding Frederick Hillier.—Prisoner lodged at China-walk, Lambeth, and on the 1st inst., after the other inmates in the house had retired, prisoner, for some reason, rushed into the landlord's bed-room, and, with any warning, stabbed him with a knife in the thigh, and then, after a similar stab, she defended herself from prisoner's further assault in the struggle which ensued she received other injuries about his neck.—**14** months.

LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.
The Education Mr. A. Piller was circulated at

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Mr. Bennett: Have you anything more to say?

—**Defendant:** No.—**Mr. Bennett:** Then all I have to say is that as there is no previous conviction, I have no objection to Mr. Roberts having a medical look and shrugging his shoulders.

Mr. Bennett: If you wish to appeal to the Somerset House authorities ad misericordiam, you can do so.—**Mr. Roberts:** Thank you, then I'll do so.—"Wheeling round on his heels," the defendant, apparently simulating bewilderment, exclaimed, "I don't know what I do I go!" Then, in a fit of laughter, he blundered forward up the step leading to the dock.

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LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.

A letter from Mr. A. Riley was circulated among members of the School Board. In it he said he meant that the Circular and Rule 15 were still in force. In the majority of the members of opinion that the instructions of the regulations were not altogether admissible, the matter need go no further; if the contrary, he should feel bound at once to reconsider his position on the subject.—The committee of the Board, Stanley asked for precedence to call attention to a former memorandum from Mr. Riley, and to propose a resolution referring the matter to the School Board. Mr. Riley said that Mr. Riley, however, allowed to make a personal expression, which he expressed a hope would "and the matter."—**Rev. A. Jepson** asked for but did not secure precedence, a proposal that during the present absence of the members, they should decline to take any action.

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A Box-street trial on Friday, before Mr. Lushington, Thomas Hollyman, alias Parker, alias Richards, alias Rankin, Henrietta Hollyman, his wife, and a girl known as Maggie Armstrong, were charged with keeping a disorderly house, known as the Bell Restaurant, 2, Southampton-street, Strand.—The Chancery Cross Violance Association, who prosecute were represented by Mr. Kent. There was also another charge against the defendants, the overhauling of St. Martin's-the-Fields, for carrying a similar establishment at 4 and 5, The Facade, Charing Cross. Mr. Harry Wilson (Wilson and Wallis) appeared for the overseers.—Mr. Lushington said it was his duty to pass the heaviest sentence possible. Hollyman would go to prison for 4 months with hard labour on each of the sentences to run concurrently, and would also have to find 1000 sureties for each, and his own security for £500, if he be of good behaviour for 12 months. M. Hollyman would go to prison for 4 months and doubtless she would not be put to hard work than her state of health permitted, & Maggie Armstrong would go to prison for 3 months, with hard labour.

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A letter from Mr. A. Riley was circulated among members of the School Board. In it he said he hoped that the Circular and Rules still in force would be amended so as to give effect to his interpretation of the regulations and resolutions admissible, the matter need go no further; if the contrary, he should feel bound to call to reconsideration the question of the School Board.—Mr. Stanley asked for precedents as once mentioned a former memorandum from Mr. Riley, and to present a resolution referring the matter to the School Board. If the Council were returned, Mr. Stanley, however, expressed a hope would "and the matter"—Rev. A. Johnson asked for but did not secure the existence of a proposal that the present be considered on the religious question.—Several members repeated the charges which had been made by Mr. Riley.

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THE ACTOR

LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

The Spanish "Official Gazette" publishes an order subjecting arrivals from Danzig to quarantine.

A royal decree was gazetted on Saturday in Madrid, fixing the number of men called upon for military service this year at 85,000.

On Saturday, J. C. Coxhead, 41, carman, Dawlish-road, Wandsworth, died in St. Thomas Hospital, having been crushed by a railway wagon at Nine Elms goods station.

The steamer *Scythia*, from Boston, arrived at Liverpool on Saturday, and was wrecked on the 11th inst. off the coast of Newfoundland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, of Llanelli, who attained the age of 104 in February last, died on Saturday. She was in the last stages of senility, and although totally blind for many years, recently regained her eyesight.

John Bowman, 32, postmaster at Hollis Lane, near Lancaster, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He suffered from bad health, and declared that he was tired of his life.

Alfred Rowland, 29, labourer, Stafford Mews, Kilburn, whilst employed on a new building being erected at Churchhill-road, Willesden, fell down, and on medical aid being summoned he was found to be dead.

The Portuguese Minister of Marine has received a telegram from the Governor of Goa announcing that the troops have made common cause with the rebels, and that they are pillaging the country in all directions.

The trial of Senator Magnier for conspiracy in connection with the Senegalese Railway of France concluded. A verdict of guilty was returned, with extenuating circumstances, and the accused was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

The Madrid "Imparcial" states that although the Portuguese Government has accepted the full responsibility for the loss on which King Carlos has started, it maintains the moral position regarding his Majesty's royal movements.

A case was heard at Preston in which Mrs. Bolton appealed against sentence of a month's imprisonment passed upon her by the Blackpool magistrates for keeping a disorderly house at Blackpool. The appeal was allowed, without costs.

Lifboat Saturday at Bristol passed off much quieter than last year, when over £1,000 was handed over to the institution. There was no organised procession, though several boats were out with collecting parties, and a large number of lady collectors were distributed about the city.

As Mr. Wm. Johnston, M.P., and his wife were driving into Downpatrick from Ballykibbeg last week a wheel of the vehicle caught the gate of the Downpatrick Arms Hotel, and the vehicle was overturned.

Mr. Johnston was thrown out, but escaped with only slight injuries.

A man named William Bastarke was at Halesowen last week remanded on bail on a charge of unlawfully wounding Edward James. The two men met in a public-house, and a dispute took place. Prisoner attacked James and bit his face, nearly severing his nose.

At Chesterfield, on Saturday, Samuel Jones was charged with firing a stack of hay, the property of a farmer named Farnsworth, at Temple Normanston. He said he fired the stack to warm himself. He had nowhere to go, and if he could have found water would have drowned himself.—Committed for trial.

A collision occurred on Saturday afternoon at the junction of the Dundee and Aberdeen Railway, between the *Arcturion* and the *Arcturion*. The *Arcturion* sank, and Matilda Erickson, the German stewardess, who was asleep in her berth, went down with the vessel. The crew were rescued by the *Arcturion*, which was towed into the Tyne.

An inquest was held last week at Kivver, near Stourbridge, concerning the death of a boatman named Griffiths. The deceased was in charge of a boat laden with hay, and when passing through a lock on Thursday night fell out of the boat and got under it. He was afterwards found drowned. Verdict, accidental death.

At Sheffield, on Saturday, M. Curley, 27, was charged with occasioning actual bodily harm to Patrick McKenna, prisoner, while under the influence of drink, quarrelled with prosecutor, who left him. Meeting McKenna again later, prisoner savagely attacked him, knocking him down and kicking him while on the ground. Six months.

The Warwick Board of Guardians on Saturday discussed the question of providing separate accommodation for the insane, imbecile and weak-minded in the county, and it was unanimously resolved to promote a conference among all the poor law authorities of Warwickshire, with a view to formulating a scheme for establishing such a home.

At Sheffield on Saturday, Albert Cooper, 22, pleaded guilty to maliciously wounding Caroline Porter. The latter was in a public-house, and was ordered out to prisoner. Porter had a quarrel and prisoner stabbed her in the cheek. The recorder, on being informed that the couple had made it up and were to be married to-morrow, should prisoner be at liberty, bound him to come up for judgment when called upon.

At Coventry on Saturday, Thomas Duff, wheelwright, member of the volunteer fire brigade, was committed for three months for cruelty to his children. On Wednesday midnight he turned his wife and children into the pouring rain in almost a nude condition. He had behaved in a similar manner many times previously, and his wife said defendant had never contributed a farthing towards her support or that of his children.

A mysterious drowning case has occurred at St. Helena, the deceased being Hugh Robertson Middlemas, of Ecosse. It appears that Mr. Middlemas, who was a travelling draper, was on business in St. Helena the previous night and visited several customers. On Saturday morning, his bag containing samples and papers was found in the canal on the outskirts of the town, and an hour later his body was found floating near the spot.

At Liverpool on Saturday, Richard Turner was charged with having stolen £41, the money of Charles Drobby, furrier, of Northampton-square, London. Prisoner was employed by the prosecutor as a traveller, and was sent to Liverpool with goods. Prisoner broke into the house of his house, and his wife and children were starving. This seemed to have completely driven him mad, and he sold the goods and used the money. Three months.

At Plymouth, on Saturday, Victor Paton, A.B., H.M.S. *Defiance*, was sentenced to 6 weeks' hard labour. On the previous night a drunken sailor was ordered out of a public-house by a constable, and in the street attacked him with great violence, knocking him down, rendering him unconscious. The police who came to the rescue were assaulted by several hundred people, who struck them with sticks and stones, and disorderly women used umbrellas. Paton was the only man who could be identified.

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TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

ARMENIAN SCHEME OF REFORM.

A Reuter's Constantinople telegram says:—The issue of the Imperial trade approving the Armenian reform scheme agreed upon between the British, French, and Russian Ambassadors and the Porte was communicated to the three ambassadors on Friday. The news has created an excellent impression in diplomatic circles. The fact that the result was obtained without a resort to extreme measures is held to add to the merit of the scheme.

The Imperial Ambassadors as well as of the Grand Vizier and Said Pasha in the matter, and it is hoped that the reforms will be speedily carried out as early as possible. A relaxation in the hitherto strained situation is now anticipated, and the issue of the Imperial Hatt promulgating the reforms is shortly expected.

The new reform scheme contains the essential points of the draft project of May 11th. The appointment of Feth Bey, brother of Naoum Pasha, Governor of the Lebanon, as Imperial Commissioner for the execution of the reforms, is imminent, his nomination having already been approved by the three Ambassadors. The dragomans of the British, Russian, and Austro-Hungarian embassies called yesterday upon the Patriarch in order to present the collective communication from the Ambassadors.

A Reuter's St. Petersburg telegram says:—The Russian newspapers unanimously congratulate the Sultan on the pacific spirit displayed by him in sanctioning the Armenian Reform Scheme. They exhort the Armenians to content themselves with the reforms obtained, and to moderate inopportune aspirations, in order to avert the dangerous consequences of the satisfaction expressed by public opinion at the settlement of the question is shared in Russian official quarters.

The "Official Messenger" observes: "The united action of Great Britain, Russia, and France in the Armenian Question has achieved its purpose."

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with a "gentleman," but a cook or housemaid must put aside such aspirations. It is just

here, we believe, that the pinch comes. Thoroughly legitimate and entirely laudable is the ambition of a girl in service to seek advancement to a superior social station by marriage. But, like all other human ambitions, it is liable to beget disappointment.

As a feminine correspondent tersely puts it, "the true reason there are so many old maids is because we want the fellows who won't have us, while those who would have us are, we say, not our sort." Precisely so; vaulting ambition overleaps itself, and the girl who

might easily get a fairly good partner for life misses her chance because she demands a better. As regards those unfortunate maidens who never get an offer, the fault lies partly with themselves for spending all their money on dress, in the hope of attracting a suitor. This is a serious sin in its

our sort. This suggestive display is attractive, so far as looks go, but distinctly repellant from a matrimonial standpoint by reason of its frightening away young men who have to make their way in life. A dower of £200 or £300 in the savings bank is a great help towards making a good start in matrimonial

CHARGES AGAINST A NORTHAMPTON CHEMIST.

At Northampton, Mr. E. Ashford, wholesale and retail chemist, at several addresses in the town, was brought up in custody,

charged with mutilating an inland revenue stamp with the intent that use should be made of a part of such stamp. He was further charged with feloniously and without lawful excuse having in his possession on Oct. 21, 1895, a certain stamp which had been fraudulently mutilated. Mr. Idewhelin pro-

scouted on behalf of the Inland Revenue authorities. He said that in consequence of instructions he received from the Solicitors' Department of the Inland Revenue Department, he visited certain chemists' shops in London, and as the result of his inquiries there he came to Northampton and saw Mr.

Ashford, chemist, of Gold-street, Northampton. He asked prisoner what explanation he had to give respecting the mutilation of some Inland Revenue stamps on some boxes of powders which the detective produced to him, and told him had been purchased at different chemist's shops in London. Wit-

ness also pointed out to prisoner the way in which three halfpenny stamps on the lid of one of the boxes were in different pieces, and had been pasted together. He further showed Mr. Ashford another box of powders and a box of voice lozenges. The stamps on the boxes had been similarly mutilated and

pasted together. When he showed the boxes produced to the prisoner, the latter made an admission of having committed the offence. There were other cases of a somewhat similar sort against Mr. Ashford, but he did not propose to go any further into the case just then. —The magistrates agreed, and decided to

grant bail.—Mr. Llewellyn said he had been instructed by the Revenue Board to ask for substantial bail, as prisoner had incurred very heavy penalties.—The bench fixed the bail at £800.—Adjourned.

Hotel, Fitzroy-square, was summoned at Marlborough-street for having assaulted Harriet Catherine de Gruchy.—Prosecutrix, a married woman, deposed that her sister was chambermaid at Carlos Hotel, and witness acted as her substitute during her holiday. On her first appearance at the hotel de-

On Oct. 14, defendant admitted her hair, but when he suggested that it was false, or padded, she took it down for him to look at. On Oct. 14 defendant followed her downstairs to the kitchen, and in front of the chef and other servants he called her "a tart." She had a small inc of stont in her hand, and, feeling

insulted, threw it into his face. He had some dirty silver dishes in his hand, which he, in return, threw at her. They missed, but the soup which they had contained went over her cap and gown. He then shook her, but the chef, the secretary, and another waiter interfered. Defendant eventually apologised.

She refused wine which he offered her, but, feeling very much upset, she took a glass of brandy. He then, saying that he was pleased they were friends again, pulled her hair down.—Defendant (excitedly): It is not true: it is not true.—Prosecutrix (continuing) said she was about to put her hair up again when

he rushed at her, and with a pair of scissors which he had in his hand cut off seven inches of it (producing a large wisp of black hair). The other servants asked her to forgive him, but she would not. Cross-examined: She admitted throwing the beer, jug and all, at defendant, but only after he had

She did not kiss him. She did not say to him "I love you better than my husband." If some of the other servants went into the witness-box and said that she did make use of these words it would be a "confounded lie." She only let her hair down on the first occasion.

sion because the defendant said it was false). —The husband of prosecutrix stated that defendant offered him \$2 as compensation. He said to defendant, "A couple of pounds! I would not take 500 sovereigns." (Laughter.) Cross-examined: It is of more value to me than my life. (Great laughter.) —Mr. Abrahams.

hairs, for defendant, admitted that his client had no right to cut complainant's hair; but for the compensation he had offered she could go to a first-class hairdresser's and have her hair nicely made up into a chignon. (Laughter.)—Several servants gave evidence on behalf of defendant to the effect that com-

plaintain expressed love for defendant; that the trouble commenced over a photograph; and that complainant had been seen kissing another man. Among the witnesses was complainant's own sister, who declared that complainant was a thoroughly bad woman, and would lead men on.—Mr. Curtis said he could

not at all understand the conduct of prosecutrix. If the husband wanted \$500 for his wife's hair he had come to the wrong court. Defendant was fined \$0a.

STRANGE DEATH AT REGENT'S PARK.

At St. Pancras Coroner's Court, Dr. Thomas held an inquest on Mary Brady, lately residing at 24, Munster-square, Regent's Park, who died under strange circumstances, reported in last week's "People." Philip Brady, husband, commission and private inquiry agent, who had a very black

eye, stated that his wife on the 19th when he returned home accused him of going with another woman, and struck him in the left eye twice with the leg of a chair. She then made a rush for the door, and he took it that she fell in the passage leading to the area. He went into the bed-room and lay down

with his little boy till 7 p.m., when he went into the sitting-room and found his wife sitting on the floor dead.—Dr. Quarterly stated that he found deceased in a sitting posture dead. There was an abrasion over the bridge of the nose and a slight puncture, another bruise on the left cheek, and several teeth

There were other bruises. The cause of death was suffocation, probably due to the deceased lying on her face.—Verdict accordingly.—The coroner told Brady that it was fortunate for him that the jury had taken a merciful view of the case and not com-

The Queen drove out in an open carriage at Balmoral on Monday in the midst of a snowstorm.



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THE WAREHOUSE,

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Distillers of rum are praying for a severe winter. Wormwood Scrubs contains separate cells for 1,381 prisoners. Rapid progress is being made with the new docks at Gibraltar.

The gross value of the personal estate of the late Bishop of Winchester was £21,331. The price of bread at Broadbampton, Devon, has been reduced from 4½d. to 4d. the 4lb. loaf.

The Rev. W. O. Burrows has declined the offer of the principality of Wells Theological College.

Amongst those who have come smiling out of the gold-mining boom is a member of the last Government.

Shoreditch has erected a plant by which electric light for the parish will be generated by the burning of the parish refuse.

The Duke of Norfolk has given £250 towards a storm-water reservoir at Littlehampton.

After 10 years the Rugby (Tennessee) Settlement, started by Thomas Hughes and other Englishmen, has only 1,200 inhabitants.

The freedom of the borough of Southampton is about to be offered to Mr. W. Port, chairman of the L. and S.W. Railway Co.

The "new women" are coming to the front in Finland. They have been volunteering fire brigades in Helsinki and other towns, and have done first-rate work.

It is reported from Paris that the Cardinal Archbishop has issued instructions to his clergy to refuse the Sacrament to women who bicycle in bloomers and knickerbockers.

The standard height for recruits for the Royal Marine Artillery is to be 5ft. 6½in., and for the Royal Marine L.I. 5ft. 6in. for lads under 20 and 5ft. 7in. for those over 20.

The front of Buckingham Palace has now received its coat of two of paint, the light colour of which contrasts very forcibly with the dark, dingy grey of the pillars at either end.

The owners of the steamship Bridgeport, which acted as tender to the Valkyrie, state that the Valkyrie Syndicate has secured the refusal of a charter for the vessel for next summer.

It is understood that according to latest arrangements Lord Wolseley will visit Africa early in November, remaining some days as the guest of the Duke of Connaught at Government House.

The term "thick-headed" as applied to stupid people, has its foundation in a fact of nature. It often happens that the brain shrinks, and as it does so the skull sometimes thickens.

An Ottawa telegram says that Mr. Hall Caine has been invited to suggest a compromise in regard to the copyright question. The Dominion Ministers express themselves as gratified at his conciliatory tone.

All the flags for British ships of war, except the royal standards, are made in the Government dockyards, and the number required may be judged from the fact that in the fleet of the Home Fleet alone about 18,000 flags are made in a year.

A factory in Anniston, Alabama, has received the contract for equipping the city of Tokio, Japan, with water pipes. Factories in England, Germany, Belgium, and other European countries competed in the bidding, but the Alabama concern was successful.

A naval cadet, stationed at Port Louis, Mauritius, has found Pte. H. Walters guilty of two charges of wilful disobedience of orders and striking his superior officer. He was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

The duty on gin in Africa is only about 1s. a gallon. Apart from the duty it is asserted that the cost of this spirit is worth but 4½d. per quart. In Lagos alone the natives drank no less than 812,000 gallons of this in 1893.

More than 20,000 persons visited Shakespeare's birthplace last year. Three-fourths of them inscribed their names in the visitors' book, and of these 9,549 were British subjects, and more than half as many, or 5,385 Americans. It is strange to observe that only 91 Germans are numbered among the visitors, for Germany buys more copies of Shakespeare's works every year than probably any other nation.

Many of the principal houses in Pompeii and Herculaneum had Roman glass windows. The Egyptians made glass at least 3,000 years B.C. It is stated that in some of the tombs near ancient Thebes there are still to be seen pictures of workmen blowing glass in much the same way in which it is blown today. After Rome was destroyed by the barbarians the art of fine glass making was nearly lost, and only churches and public buildings had glass windows.

An exciting scene has taken place on board the steam trawler Skart. While fishing off Douglas there became entangled in the net a monster fish known as the sea dog, and was with great difficulty hauled on board. It was two yards in length, and about the same measurement round the head. Its enormous gaping mouth, with rows of terrible teeth and large fiery eyes, gave the monster a formidable appearance. The fish has been mounted by Mr. E. C. Curn, of Douglas.

Deep-sea and small blue eyes, under a body almost perpendicular forehead, are indicative of a selfish and cold-hearted nature. Eyes that show not only the whole of the iris, but also some of the white, both above and below it, denote a restless, uncertain nature, incapable of repose or of any steady thought or action.

The eyes of a voluptuary move slowly under heavy lids. Round-shaped eyes are never seen in the face of a highly-intellectual person, but they denote a kindly, truthful, and innocent nature.

A document of astonishing interest has come to light in the Orinda department of the British Museum. It is a small clay tablet, about 5in. by 4in., and containing about 98 lines of a very fine cuneiform writing. It is made of Nile mud, and bears upon it the marriage proposal of a Pharaoh for the hand of the daughter of the king of Babylon. It is evidently the latest copy of a letter written about 1,500 B.C.

The document admits us into the innermost secrets of ancient palace life in Egypt, with the jealousies and intrigues of the harem.

Sir Evelyn Wood is of opinion that Parliament would not be making a mistake in sanctioning the raising of at least 20,000 Volunteer cyclists. Lord Wolseley is greatly in favour of military cyclists in a recent speech at a meeting.

"There are very few countries in the world where you cannot use cycles. During the whole time I was in India, during the Mutiny, I do not remember, except when actually in the hills for three or four days fighting, one day's march or any one night in which we took part where cycles could not have been used with the greatest possible advantage."

Morris Schenholz, leader of the gang of professional incendiaries or "fire bugs," concerning whom some remarkable revelations were made in the early part of the year, has been tried in New York for his share in the doings of that organization. The society consisted of several members, who for a consideration—either a fixed sum or a percentage of the insurance money—undertook to set on fire house property in almost any part of the country. Several warehouses and residences were thus destroyed, and in one instance a school of children was killed.

The evidence showed that Schenholz had been personally concerned in causing a large number of conflagrations. Several of his colleagues have already been tried and sentenced.

tented. He was found guilty, and sentenced to 40 years' imprisonment.

Lieut.-gen. Howlands died at Newton Abbot on Monday.

Lord Wolseley was made a lieutenant-colonel at the early age of 25.

Surg.-lieut.-col. Nash shot himself dead at his residence near Dublin.

A young married woman, named Atkinson, of Gillingham, near Chatham, died from poisoning by carbolic acid, which passed along the Manchester Ship Canal during last week was 25-40 inwards and 46 outwards.

Maj. Raeb, M.P. for S.E. Essex, who is on a visit to Constantinople, has had an audience with the Sultan.

Mrs. Langtry begins on Oct. 28 a short provincial tour, which will include appearances at Birmingham, Birkenhead, Manchester, and Liverpool.

The Charity Commissioners are considering a scheme for the amalgamation of the Working Lads' Institute, Whitechapel, with the People's Palace.

Lieut.-col. Crofton has been appointed to the command of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Lancaster Regiment, in succession to Col. Luard.

Three bunches of strawberries have been gathered by Mr. F. Quarterman, nurseryman, Epworth, Lincolnshire. The bunches contained ripe fruit and flowers.

Lord Cantelupo has been presented with an illuminated address for his assistance in maintaining the rights of sheep pasture by the commons on Ashdown Forest.

Sir J. Pease, chairman of the N.E. Railway, this week formally opened the new West Wear Valley Extension Railway, from Stanhope to Wearhead. The line, which is nearly 10 miles long, cost £250,000 to construct.

Mr. R. Prall, member of a family of lawyers connected with the city for several generations, has died from cancer of the liver. He was town clerk of the city for over quarter of a century.

The ceremony of beating the parish boundaries of Paddington took place on Oct. 21. It is some eight or nine years since the ceremony was last performed, although it is required by law to be done once a year.

At Birkenhead, John Elliott, of Liverpool, was fined £20 for street begging. Prisoner is a property owner in Birkenhead and Liverpool, and said he had had a dispute with a tenant that had upset his mind.

Signora Duse intends making a tour in Italy. It is said that "La Casa Paterna," a sentimental novel by the Italian writer, will be the subject of her tour.

The official figures relative to the Manchester season just over show that between May 1 and Sept. 30 292,249 visitors landed at Douglas, representing an increase of 41,246 compared with the season of 1894.

Mr. C. Townsend, who has been a member of the Bristol Town Council for 11 years, and leader of the R. party since the retirement of Mr. C. Townsend, has consented to allow himself to be nominated as mayor for the coming year.

The Rev. S. Brooke has accepted an appointment as preacher at Manchester College, Oxford, and will probably enter on his duties at Christmas. He will deliver a course of literary lectures at the college during the session.

The county asylum at Bury St. Edmunds has been reported by the visiting committee to be overcrowded, notwithstanding the comparatively recent extension. The chairman of the committee said that lunacy was largely on the increase in Suffolk.

Mr. Chamberlain is expected to return to London in the first week in November, and shortly afterwards the customary Cabinet Council, to determine the legislative programme of the Government in the next session of Parliament, will be held.

Robinson's hat works, Romilly, near Stockport. A boiler used for trimming the brims of felt hats burst under great pressure, and the chief engineer, named Plant, was hurled with great violence against the roof, both his legs being broken.

While a boat containing five seamen, belonging to the Warship, stationed at Queens-town, was proceeding from the shore to the ship it was run into and capsized by an Admiralty launch. There was great difficulty in rescuing the men on account of the darkness.

Before her new story came out Miss Bradstreet realized the historic ambition of Walter Scott, who vowed he would make £100,000 by fiction before he ceased writing. This, with 53 novels standing to her credit, and a still unwaning popularity, is probable enough.

Lady Henry Somerset's retreat for women invalids has proved a great success. The Duchess of Devonshire's future to be available for a poorer class of patients than contemplated in the original scheme. Another retreat is to be provided for patients who can pay from three to five guineas a week.

The Rev. C. H. Simkins, rector of Parham, is engaged on a life of the late Dr. Thorold, Bishop of Winchester. Dr. Thorold left a great mass of material for such a work, this has been placed by the family at Mr. Simkins's disposal. The author was chaplain to the late bishop.

According to the quarterly return issued by "Lloyd's Register of Shipping," the total number of steam and sailing vessels of all nationalities reported to have been lost and sunk during the quarter ended June 30 amounted to 208, of the aggregate tonnage of 143,594 tons.

The Science and Art Department has issued to science and art schools a circular enclosing a minute of the Education Department, sanctioned by the Treasury, an experiment making the same for instruction in science, and a report on the results of the experiment.

The parish of Bishopwearmouth, of which Archdeacon Long is vicar, is about to erect a memorial to Paley, of the Evidence, who was rector of the parish for 100 years ago. It is intended to place a mural tablet in the chancel, which is the only portion left standing of the old building in which Dr. Paley officiated.

Information has reached the American Embassy that the report on the Nicaragua Canal, which an American Commission has been preparing, is now almost completed. This commission is, of course, a Government one, and upon its report will depend whether the American Government is to take the canal in hand.

The command of the Bedfordshire Volunteers is about to become vacant by the retirement of Col. J. T. Green, who has given more than 35 years of service, he having been appointed captain of the Woburn Company in 1860, and colonel of the county corps in 1873. He will be succeeded by Col. E. R. Green, who has also been many years in the corps.

The old Market Cross of Peebles, which dates from 1820, and which has been many times shifted during the past half century, has now been restored to its original site at the junction of High-street, Northgate, and Eastgate, at the expense of Maj. Thorne. The shaft of the cross stood for many years in the quadrangle of Chambers's Institution.

In consequence of the courteous visit recently made by the Lord Mayor of London to Bordeaux, the French Government conferred upon him the distinction of Officer of the Legion of Honour. Acting upon instructions received from his Government, Baron de Courcel, French Ambassador to Great Britain, visited the Mansion House to present the insignia of the order to Sir J. Baines,

who expressed his deep appreciation of the honour thus conferred upon him.

Joseph Goldberg, shoe manufacturer, was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour, at Leeds, for defrauding his creditors.

The married women of China wear their hair in a coil at the back of the head, and unmarried women have the coil at the side of the head and stick a white flower in it.

The death is announced of Capt. Napier, R.A., which occurred at Zurich. Deceased was the eldest son of Vice-admiral Gerard Napier, and was 35.

Last week's Scotch coal shipments show a decrease of about 13,000 tons on the previous week, but as compared with the corresponding week of 1894 the increase is 60,000 tons.

Elizabeth Tomlin, 19, a servant, was committed for trial at Greenwich, charged with robbing her mistress. Prisoner when arrested said she had lost her money in backing horses.

The parishioners of the village of Wentworth, Yorkshire, have raised £130, for the purpose of placing a lectern in the church, as a memorial of the late Countess Fitzwilliam.

The dead body of Annie Shepherd, 19, lately living at Court-road, Bow, who had been missing for a week, has been found in the canal at Globe Bridge, Mile End. Both arms and legs, it is said, were broken.

Through the upsetting of an oil lamp at Sidcup, a fire was caused whereby a child, named Ernest Smith, was burned to death. His father, Charles Smith, was severely injured.

At Newcastle, Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie, and Co., engineers, were fined £10 and costs for failing to fence securely a fly-wheel by which it was alleged a workman was injured.

Messrs. Armstrong and Co. were also fined £10 and costs for a similar offence. The Transvaal firm of Sir W. Armstrong, Mitchell, and Co., has proved to be much less than had been reported. Probate has been taken out on a total of real and personal estate amounting to £370,649.

It is stated that Dr. J. Parry, who was commissioned by the Llandudno Llandudno Committee to compose a cantata, especially for performance at next year's Eisteddfod, delivered the last number, and that it will be published as soon as possible.

The Quaker Conference to be held next month will extend over 6 days. The provisional programme suggests several subjects for discussion, the more important being the attitude of the Society of Friends towards social questions and modern thought.

Mr. R. Fenton, station-master at Shap, Westmorland, while attending to a cattle train which was being made up for Manchester, was knocked down by the Glasgow corridor express. The body was carried about 50 yards, and was shockingly mutilated.

Last week's Scotch pig-iron shipments amounted to 5,320 tons, being an increase of 2,681 tons on the corresponding week last year, with 78 furnaces blowing, against 32 12 months ago. For the year up to date the aggregate exports total 44,661 tons increase.

According to an order issued from Trinity House, Dover is in future to become the centre for the pilots engaged in taking vessels through the English Channel, instead of one of the other ports as at present.

According to the order all new pilots are to live at Dover.

A sad accident is reported from Dobhuil, near Clifden. Two men, named Pat Courney and William Dunne, servants in the employ of Mr. William M'Gahan, took out an American canvas boat belonging to their master for sporting purposes. The boat capsized, and both of the occupants were drowned.

The Committee of Council on Education have been informed through the Foreign Office that the 7th great International Art Exhibition will be held at Munich in 1897, under the patronage of the Prince Regent of Bavaria, mainly on the lines of the exhibition of 1892.

Persons desirous of availing themselves of the facilities offered by the Post Office to despatch Christmas and New Year cards, parcels, books, &c., to relatives and friends abroad are reminded by the postal authorities that in order to reach their destination on or about the desired date, such cards, books, &c., must be posted some time in advance.

The Home Secretary has not hitherto had much patience, and he has been told that he should not be so impatient with the immense number of applications for inspectorships under the Factories and Workshops Acts.

Sir M. W. Ridley has resolved to bestow half on those he found on Mr. Asquith's list, an entirely new departure.

Sir J. Ridgway will not assume the title of his new appointment, "Colonial Under-Secretary," until he has returned to his old post, Sir Arthur Havelock, returning home almost immediately there will be an interregnum, during which Sir E. Walker, Chief Justice of the colony, will discharge the gubernatorial functions.

Another member of the imperial family of Austria has met with an accident. While pursuing a stag on the late Duke of Hohenberg, the Archduke Joseph Augustin, eldest son of the Archduke Joseph and Princess Clothilde, of Sax-Coburg, fell from his horse and sustained a fracture of the smaller bone of the leg.

A Peterhead boat engaged at the herring fishing at Scarborough the other day picked up an English trawler at a distance of 5 miles from land, and had to make several tacks before the boat was caught. It is supposed to have fallen or been washed overboard from some passenger vessel. It is not known how long it might have been in the water.

A servant in Russia is expected to provide her own mattress, and can pitch her moving camp in any odd corner she finds, servants making the name for the Russian housekeeper as something supremely ridiculous. The servants sleep on the kitchen-stove in winter, and in the corridor or out in the yard in summer.

In applying for the commitment of a man on Tuesday at Westminster County Court, plaintiff told his honour that he was a professional bailiff, out to catch the late Lord Rossmore. He got paid for bailing people.

Plaintiff: "I think so, sir. His honour made an order for commitment for 12 days, suspended for a month."

By some, whitebait is considered to be a separate kind of fish which never grows any bigger than the size eaten. Recent investigations, however, have unearthed the fact that whitebait is simply the fish of about six different species. Among them the whiting figures most prominently, but young salmon, herrings, cod, &c., have been discovered under the common appellation of whitebait.

The first Russian lady cyclist, who was a fortnight ago authorised officially to ride the streets of St. Petersburg, has come to grief, falling from her machine and injuring herself so badly that she is now in the hospital. This accident means that cycling by ladies in Russia is doomed. The police will issue no more permits to women, as the force holds itself responsible for all accidents not caused by its agents.

Persian dinners are very much like ours, turned the wrong way round. The feast is handed about. Then the servants of the house appear, bringing in a long leather sheet, which they spread in the middle of the floor; the guests squat round this, tailor fashion. When all are seated a flat loaf of bread is placed before everyone, and the music begins to play. The various and the music begins to play. The various and the music begins to play.

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name of God, and without another word they all fall to.

Ice lasts longer when the blocks are allowed to rest on their ends than on their sides.

The contents of a weekly paper published in Athens are all in verse, even the advertisements.

Iron expands with heat, and the Eiffel Tower is said to be 1in. higher in hot than in cold weather.

A Russian scientist has succeeded in tracing all a man's diseases to the fact that he wears clothes.

All widows had to wear mourning caps in the days of Tiberius, under penalty of fine and imprisonment.

If the United States were as densely populated as Japan, they would have a population of 960,000,000.

The leaves of the talipot palm, in Ceylon, sometimes attain a length of 30 feet. The natives use them to make tents.

Women have colds on their heads less frequently than men, because they are not accustomed to heavy head coverings.

Unless an Austrian gains the consent of his wife, he cannot get a passport to journey beyond the frontier of his own country.

Many diseases cause pallor, because in wasting diseases the number of red corpuscles in the blood is diminished, and this fact is apparent in the colour of the skin.

The colour of the field-marshal's hat has been increased from six to eight. This number will include two royal princes and two representatives of the Indian Army.

Mr. C. E. Shaw was thrown out of a vehicle on Tuesday when driving into Stafford. He was only slightly injured, but the vehicle was wrecked.

The school at Doncaster built by the G.N. Railway Co. have been destroyed by fire. The outbreak was supposed to have been caused by overheating.

One of the Paris newspapers thinks that England and Italy will concentrate their efforts to march against the successors of the Mahdi and exterminate the Dervishes.

Lieut.-col. Chubb, the surviving hero of Boer Drift, who has been serving for some time past as commanding Royal Engineer at Singapore, will shortly return home.

"Cool as a cucumber" is correct, scientifically. Investigators claim that that vegetable usually has a temperature one degree lower than that of the surrounding atmosphere.

Venous blood is blue on account of the fact that it contains many impurities collected from the system, and has not itself been purified by contact with the air in the lungs.

John Warwick, a railway workman, was killed at Dumfries by being crushed between two loaded wagons of coal as they were being shunted from the Glasgow and S.W. Railway Goods Station into the goods yard.

People are apt to mistake an odour because by distending the nostrils a larger quantity of air is drawn in, the nerves are better exposed, and the odour more clearly perceived.

At Queen Victoria's table an odd custom which originated in the time of George II. is preserved. As each dish is placed upon the table the name of the cook who prepared it is announced.

A clerk in a Vienna bank inhaled microbes from bank-notes, and thus contracted a fatal attack of tuberculosis. It was his habit, while counting his money, to moisten his fingers with his lips.

A French professor has demonstrated that a rabbit can bear intense cold. He enclosed one in a block of ice, and the next morning the rabbit, when released, was as lively as a cheerful one if he had passed the night beside a fire.

In Chili they let nothing in the apple go to waste. There, after making cider and wine from their apples, they extract from the refuse a white and finely-flavoured spirit, and by another process they procure a sweet treacle, or, as they term it, honey.

It is not generally known that the emerald is found in many places in the western continent, or that the emeralds of Mexico and Andes region of South America are of better colour and often superior in size to those found in the south of Asia.

A plasterer in Yorkshire, who was on trial for bigamy, stated in his defence that he had "sold his first wife for three shillings and sixpence, and that she was willingly going off with her purchaser. This defence did not save him from imprisonment."

The latest Indian import reports estimate a probable out-turn of 152,000 maunds for this season, against 160,334 maunds last year. The Lower Bengal figures are higher by 1,500 maunds than the last estimate, owing to the unlooked-for favourable manufacturing conditions.

On Tuesday the higher ranges of the Carnarvonshire mountains were covered with snow. The boat express train on Tuesday evening, and the Irish mail train earlier in the day, were delayed in starting from Holyhead owing to the rough sea and gale that was blowing in the channel.

Gen. Booth has sailed for Invercarigill and his visit to Wellington aroused a remarkable amount of interest among all classes. The "general" states that Mr. Cecil Rhodes has promised him some land in Mashonaland for the establishment of a Salvation Army colony.

Novelty in wedding ceremonies is eagerly sought across the Atlantic. A couple have just been married inside the head of the colossal figure of the Goddess of Liberty in New York harbour. The bridal party had to climb up 300ft. of narrow stairs in single file to reach their destination.

The common nettle is eaten all over the continent, and can be obtained at most restaurants. It is, indeed, considered equal to spinach, and is prepared for table in the same way. Nettles can be cultivated, and are eaten when young. Moreover, they are supposed to be excellent for keeping the blood in good order.

An Oxford Socialist Union is to be founded in the city of Oxford and opened with an inaugural address by William Morris on Oct. 28. The Professor of Modern History, Mr. York Powell, will be the guest of honour.

The name of the "The Last Viking," and by Grig-Bjornson's melodrama "Bergliot."

Lord Rothchild has forwarded 20 pheasants to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City-road, for the patients.

The "philosopher's stone" was an imaginary substance which the ancient chemists thought would change all base metals to pure gold.

Twelve cases of rare old wine have been preserved in Bremen for 250 years. This wine is now carefully guarded in a cellar of the Hotel de Ville.

Medical authorities assert that the herring is a most nutritious fish. It gives the muscles elasticity, the body strength, and the brain vigour.

The cheeks become pale from fear because the mental emotion diminishes the action of the heart and lungs, and so impedes the circulation.

The printing ink used on the Bank of England notes is made from naphtha smoke. It was formerly manufactured from grapestone charcoal.

When an artery has been severed the blood comes in jets, because the heart throws it directly to the point where the artery has been cut.

Capl. Sir H. Rawlinson, Coldstream Guards, will next month take over the appointment of brigade-major 3rd Infantry Brigade at Aldershot.

Mr. Julian, the thrice-elected mayor of Penzance, has been presented with his portrait in oils, submitted for by the local corporation and inhabitants.

The Duke of Oporto has left for India, to command the reinforcements which are being sent to suppress the rising in the Portuguese possession of Goa.

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